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Dear Florence,

I (and my brother Tony and sister-in-law Babette feel the same way) am writing to thank you for your invaluable assistance and kindness in what turned out to be the last days of my father's life. Knowing that you were there in those hectic few days when my brother and I were faced with a multitude of decisions and tasks in an impossible situation was a great comfort to me. I am sure that if I were to tell you this in person, you would say you were just doing your job. And if that is the case, I must tell you that you do your job not just well, but exceptionally and in my opinion went far beyond what you had to do.

I wish I had known about you earlier, but it was only in the last couple of months -- when we realized that we had to take action -- that we began to discover just how many offers of assistance my father (for whatever reason) refused. Given that, I must also tell you that my dad (while being something of a deliberate eccentric) was a great, loving and caring father, and a good, kind, generous person in addition to being an extremely well-read and brilliant man.

In that very short week that we had to be there, we were not only impressed but amazed at everything about Fox Chase. We would leave at night and talk about how the staff was just incredible in every way. I have suggested to my friends and other people who have asked what they can do, that if possible they make donations to Fox Chase in my father's name (I have contacted the donations department concerning this).

I have included an additional letter to the medical (nursing) staff and I would be most grateful if you could pass it on the people at the station that was next to my dad's room.

I was frankly in too much of a daze to catch anyone's name but *all of them* were wonderful.

Again, I thank and commend you.

Sincerely,

Peter Brown